

properties, or by donation, subject to the maximum acreage limitation prescribed by this Act, upon publication of notice thereof in the Federal Register.

SEC. 3. The administration, protection, and development of the aforesaid national monument shall be exercised under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior by the National Park Service, subject to the provisions of the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), entitled "An Act to establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes", as amended.

Approved June 19, 1948.

Administration, etc.

16 U. S. C. §§ 1-4,
22, 43.

[CHAPTER 547]

AN ACT

To amend section 202 of title II of the Army-Navy Medical Services Corps Act of 1947, as amended, to remove the present restriction on appointments to the Navy Medical Service Corps.

June 19, 1948
[H. R. 5983]
[Public Law 716]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 202 of title II of the Army-Navy Medical Services Corps Act of 1947, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

61 Stat. 737.
34 U. S. C., Supp.
I, § 30c nota.

"SEC. 202. During the period that appointments to the Regular Navy may be made pursuant to section 5 of the Act of April 18, 1946 (60 Stat. 92), appointments to the Medical Service Corps may be made in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, in addition to appointments authorized by section 203 of this title."

34 U. S. C. § 15;
Supp. I, § 15.

61 Stat. 737.
34 U. S. C., Supp.
I, § 30d.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 548]

AN ACT

To provide for the acquisition of lands for grazing and related purposes.

June 19, 1948
[H. R. 6073]
[Public Law 717]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph (a) of section 8 of the Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269, 1272), as amended by the Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1976; 43 U. S. C., sec. 315g), is hereby amended to read as follows: "That where such action will promote the purposes of a district or facilitate the administration of the public lands, the Secretary is authorized to accept on behalf of the United States any lands within or without the exterior boundaries of a grazing district as a gift."

Acquisition of grazing land.

SEC. 2. The last sentence of section 9 of the Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269, 1273), is hereby amended by substituting for the words "the district" the following: "lands within or without the exterior boundaries of a grazing district".

43 U. S. C. § 315h.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 549]

AN ACT

To permit the landing of halibut by Canadian fishing vessels to Alaskan ports, and for other purposes.

June 19, 1948
[H. R. 6110]
[Public Law 718]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions of section 4311 of the Revised Statutes (46 U. S. C. 251), Canadian fishing vessels engaged in the North Pacific halibut fishery only shall be permitted to land their catches of halibut and sable fish (black cod) in ports of entry in Alaska, upon compliance with applicable customs laws, during any period prior to January

Canadian fishing vessels.
Landing of halibut at Alaskan ports.

1, 1950, in which the Secretary of State finds and so notifies the Secretary of the Treasury that United States fishing vessels engaged in the North Pacific halibut fishery only are granted comparable privileges in ports of British Columbia.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 550]

AN ACT

To transfer certain land in Langlade County, Wisconsin, to the United States Forest Service.

June 19, 1948

[H. R. 6113]

[Public Law 719]

Langlade County,
Wis.
Transfer of land.

16 U. S. C. §§ 552,
563, 513-519, 521, 480,
500.

Use of land.

Nonliability.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon the written consent of the majority of directors, Wisconsin Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby directed to convey, grant, transfer, and quitclaim forthwith to the United States, for subsequent administration as a part of the Nicolet National Forest and subject to the rules and regulations applicable to national-forest lands acquired under the Act of March 1, 1911 (36 Stat. 961), as amended, all right, title, claim, interest, equity, and estate in and to the following-described lands administered by the Secretary as trustee, under an agreement of transfer dated May 16, 1937, with the Wisconsin Rural Rehabilitation Corporation, and situated in the county of Langlade, State of Wisconsin, together with the improvements thereon and the rights and the appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: Township 33 north, range 9 east, fourth principal meridian, section 16, northwest quarter, north half northeast quarter, southwest quarter northeast quarter, and north half south half; section 17, northeast quarter; section 22, east half northwest quarter.

SEC. 2. The Chief of the Forest Service is hereby directed to utilize, insofar as practicable, the property transferred pursuant to this Act as an experimental and demonstration forest. Such use is found to be in the general interest of rural rehabilitation.

SEC. 3. Any such transfer shall not be deemed to impose any liability upon the Secretary of Agriculture with respect to his obligation under such agreement to transfer of May 16, 1937.

Approved June 19, 1948.

[CHAPTER 551]

AN ACT

To amend title I of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, so as to increase the interest rate on title I loans, to provide for the redemption of non-delinquent insured mortgages, to authorize advances for the preservation and protection of the insured loan security, and for other purposes.

June 19, 1948

[H. R. 6114]

[Public Law 720]

Bankhead-Jones
Farm Tenant Act,
amendment.

50 Stat. 523.
7 U. S. C. § 1003 (b)
(2).

60 Stat. 1076.
7 U. S. C. § 1005b
(c) (1).

60 Stat. 1076.
7 U. S. C. § 1005b
(e) (1).
Collection of charges.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sections of title I of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, as amended, are hereby amended as follows:

SEC. 1. Amend subsection (b) (2) of section 3 to read:

“(2) provide for the payment of interest on the unpaid balance of the loan at the rate of 4 per centum per annum;”.

SEC. 2. Amend subsection (c) (4) of section 12 to read:

“(4) the mortgage instruments shall comply with section 3 (b), except that the base rate of interest shall be 3 per centum per annum;”.

SEC. 3. Amend subsection (e) (1) of section 12 to read:

“The Secretary shall collect from the mortgagor for mortgage insurance an annual charge at the rate of 1 per centum of the outstanding principal obligation of the mortgage; the initial charge